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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

CHASTEEN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/757,362

Filed: January 8, 2001

Atty. File No.: 1604-373

For:

"SMALL OPENING BEVERAGE

END CLOSURE ADAPTED FOR

FRICTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

WITH A STRAW"

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Examiner:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Office Action Summary having a mailing date of May 18, 2004. Since this Response is timely filed prior to the 3 month statutory deadline of August 18, 2004, no additional fees are believed due at this time. However, if additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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Please amend the specification as follows:

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE** 

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON August 16.

Y. Hinger Borenlamp